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DHS 172 – Safety, Maintenance and Operation of Public Pools and Water Attractions

Lifeguard Staffing Plan Template

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172.22(1)(a) The owner or operator of a pool, including a whirlpool over 4 feet deep and a pool with a visual obstruction, and the owner or operator of a water attraction or water attraction complex shall submit a written, proposed lifeguard and attendant staffing plan to the department or the department's agent for approval. The owner or operator shall keep a copy of the plan at the pool. The plan shall include all of the following:

1. The square footage of the pool, water attraction, and water attraction complex as applicable.
2. The maximum and average patron load.
3. The hours of operation.
4. The location of each lifeguard station and each first aid station.
5. The number of lifeguards or attendants on duty pursuant to s. HFS 172.23.
6. A diagram of the facility that indicates the placement of attendants, lifeguards, chairs and stations for both average and maximum patron capacity. The diagram shall include each obstruction.
7. A method of communication when 2 or more attendants or lifeguards are required for a water attraction.

Note: To submit a lifeguard and attendant staffing plan to the department or to determine which agent to submit a lifeguard and attendant staffing plan to, write or phone: Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, Wisconsin 53701-2659 (608-266-2835).